

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

A diverse media representing viewpoints across the spectrum of political thought, as well as diversity of ownership of media sources, is crucial to the effective functioning of a democracy. The further concentration of media outlets that would result from the proposed loosening of media ownership rules would strike a critical blow to the already seriously compromised ideal of effective deomocracy in the United States.